

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 5-12, 14-18, and 22-27 have been amended. The Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following amendments reflected in the listing of claims.

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for establishing secure access to a media peripheral in a home via a node in a communication network, the method comprising:

~~attempting to identify previously acquired security data associated with the media peripheral, and if said security data is not found:~~

~~exchanging information associated with the home; and~~

~~acquiring security data associated with the media peripheral; and~~

~~utilizing said acquired security data associated with the media peripheral to facilitate secure communication between the media peripheral and the communication network.~~

acquiring security data associated with the media peripheral;

searching for a previously acquired security data associated with a location of previous operation of the media peripheral;

if said previously acquired security data is not found:

exchanging information associated with the media peripheral, while the media peripheral is located in the home; and

if said previously acquired security data is found:

utilizing said acquired security data associated with the media peripheral and said previously acquired security data to facilitate secure communication between the media peripheral in the home and the communication network.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said security data is a digital certificate.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising reading said security data from the media peripheral.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, comprising transferring said security data to a media exchange server coupled to the communication network.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, comprising authenticating said acquired security data prior to said searching.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, comprising, if previously acquired security data associated with the media peripheral is found, acquiring at least one identifier associated with a location of previous operation of the media peripheral.~~the home.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, comprising validating said acquired at least one identifier based on said previously acquired security data,~~security data~~ prior to communicating over the communication network.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, comprising, if said acquired at least one identifier is valid, registering the media peripheral for subsequent operation while being located in the home.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~[[8]]~~1, comprising~~[[:]]~~, if said previously acquired security data is not found, establishing at least one ~~user~~ identifier to facilitate communication of the media peripheral over the communication network, wherein said at least one identifier is associated with the home; and

registering the media peripheral for operation in the home, based on said established at least one identifier.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~[[8]]~~1, wherein the exchanged information comprises a previously established password, ~~comprising distributing security data for said registered media peripheral.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A method for establishing secure access to a media peripheral via a node in a communication network, the method comprising:

detecting when the media peripheral is communicatively coupled to the node;

acquiring, upon said detection, security data associated with the media peripheral; and

utilizing said acquired security data and security data associated with the node to facilitate secure communication between the media peripheral and the communication network.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein each of said acquired security data and said security data associated with the node comprises one or more of [[is]]a digital certificate, a device identification (ID), and a public key.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, comprising reading said security data from the media peripheral.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, comprising transferring said security data to a media exchange server coupled to the communication network.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, comprising authenticating said acquired security data utilizing said security data associated with the node.

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, comprising registering the media peripheral for subsequent operation in the communication network.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 16, comprising distributing security data for said registered media peripheral via one or both of the node and at least another media peripheral in the communication network.

18. (Currently Amended) A system for establishing secure access to a media peripheral in a home via a node in a communication network, the system comprising:

~~at least one processor that attempts to identify previously acquired security data associated with the media peripheral, and if said security data is not found:~~

~~said processor exchanges information associated with the home;~~

~~and~~

~~said processor acquires security data associated with the media peripheral; and~~

~~said processor utilizes said acquired security data associated with the media peripheral to facilitate secure communication between the media peripheral and the communication network.~~

at least one processor that acquires security data associated with the media peripheral;

said at least one processor searches for a previously acquired security data associated with a location of previous operation of the media peripheral;

if said previously acquired security data is not found:

said at least one processor exchanges information associated with the media peripheral, while the media peripheral is located in the home; and

if said previously acquired security data is found:

said at least one processor utilizes said acquired security data associated with the media peripheral and said previously acquired security data to facilitate secure communication between the media peripheral in the home and the communication network.

19. (Original) The system according to claim 18, wherein said security data is a digital certificate.

20. (Original) The system according to claim 18, wherein said at least one processor reads said security data from the media peripheral.

21. (Original) The system according to claim 18, wherein said at least one processor transfers said security data to a media exchange server coupled to the communication network.

22. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 18, wherein said at least one processor authenticates said acquired security data prior to said searching.

23. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 18, wherein said at least one processor acquires at least one identifier associated with a location of previous operation of the media peripheral, ~~the home~~ if previously acquired security data associated with the media peripheral is found.

24. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 23, wherein said at least one processor validates said acquired at least one identifier based on said previously acquired security data, ~~security data~~ prior to communicating over the communication network.

25. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 24, wherein said at least one processor registers the media peripheral for subsequent

operation while being located in the home, if said acquired at least one identifier is valid.

26. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim ~~[[25]]~~18, wherein, if said previously acquired security data is not found, said at least one processor:

establishes at least one user identifier to facilitate communication of the media peripheral over the communication network, wherein said at least one identifier is associated with the home; and

registers the media peripheral for operation in the home, based on said established at least one identifier.

27. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim ~~[[25]]~~18, wherein the exchanged information comprises a previously established password ~~wherein said at least one processor distributes security data for said registered media peripheral.~~

28. (Original) The system according to claim 18, wherein said at least one processor is at least one of a computer processor, a media peripheral processor, a media exchange system processor and a media processing system processor.